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SUBJECT: MED REPORT

REFS: A) NATO 6135; B) NATO 6176

1. UK PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR PARA 12 OF DRAFT MED REPORT IS SOMEWHAT MISLEADING IN THAT IT IMPLIES THAT EGYPT RECEIVED SMALL AMOUNTS OF SPARE PARTS REGULARLY SINCE APRIL 1974. IN FACT, EGYPT RECEIVED NOTHING AT ALL FROM THE SOVIET UNION FROM APRIL TO AUGUST. SINCE AUGUST, SOME SPARE PARTS AND AMMUNITION SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN RESUMED UNDER OLD CONTRACTS. WE CAN NEITHER CONFIRM NOR REFUTE THE UK REPORT OF DELIVERY OF SOFT-SKINNED VEHICLES.

2. THE QUESTION OF SOVIET PILOT PRESENCE IN SYRIA AND IRAQ REMAINS PROBLEMATIC. WHILE IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT TRAINING ACTIVITY IS BEING CONDUCTED IN SYRIA, SUCH ACTIVITY BY SOVIETS IN IRAQ CANNOT BE CONFIRMED BY AVAILABLE

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3. WHILE COMMITTEE LANGUAGE ON SOVIET/EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

(REFTEL B) IS NOT IDEAL, AS POINTED OUT BY MISSION, WE

CAN ACCEPT IT IN INTEREST OF EXPEDITING DRAFTING WORK. INGERSOLL

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